

THIRD CONDITIONAL

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Grammar Intro

Use the **Third Conditional** to talk about unreal situations in the past and their hypothetical past results. Form it with **If + past perfect**, followed by **would/could/might + have + past participle**.

- Example: If I had studied harder, I would have passed the exam.

Activity 1: Correct Form Match

Match the condition halves to create logical past hypothetical sentences.

1. If she had left home ten minutes earlier,	A. ...we would have arrived in Rome by lunchtime.
2. If we hadn't missed our flight,	B. ...he would have bought a new car last year.
3. If they had checked the weather forecast,	C. ...she wouldn't have missed her train.
4. If you had told me about the meeting,	D. ...I would have attended it with you.
5. If he had saved enough money,	E. ...they wouldn't have gone hiking in the storm.

Activity 2: Error Correction

Identify and correct the grammar mistake in each third conditional sentence.

1. If I knew about the traffic, I would have taken a different route.
2. She wouldn't have failed the test if she has studied the vocabulary.
3. What would you do if you had won the lottery yesterday?
4. If they had booked earlier, they could get cheaper tickets.
5. We had missed the bus if we hadn't run all the way.

Activity 3: Sentence Transformation

Rewrite the sentences using the third conditional structure.

1. I didn't see you at the party, so I didn't say hello. *If _____, I would have said hello.*
2. It rained all afternoon, so we didn't go to the beach.
   If it hadn't rained, _____.
3. He forgot his passport, so he couldn't board the plane.
   If he hadn't forgotten his passport, _____.
4. You didn't lock the door, so someone stole your bicycle.
   If you had locked the door, _____.
5. She lost her phone, so she didn't call you. *If she hadn't lost her phone, _____.*

Activity 4: Finish the Thought

Complete each sentence with your own logical ending using third conditional grammar.

1. If I had known it was your birthday, _____.
2. If the company hadn't hired him, _____.
3. If you had asked me for help, _____.
4. If they hadn't invented the internet, _____.
5. If she hadn't missed her alarm this morning, _____.

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Answer Key

Activity 1:

1. C
2. A
3. E
4. D
5. B

Activity 2:

1. If I **had known** about the traffic...
2. ...if she **had studied** the vocabulary.
3. What would you **have done** if... (or: What would you have done...)
4. ...they could **have gotten** cheaper tickets.
5. We would have missed the bus if...

Activity 3:

1. If I had seen you at the party...
2. ...we would have gone to the beach.
3. ...he could/would have boarded the plane.
4. ...someone wouldn't have stolen your bicycle.
5. ...she would have called you.

Activity 4: (Accept logical student completions matching form)

1. *Example:* ...I would have bought you a gift.
2. *Example:* ...they wouldn't have finished the project on time.
3. *Example:* ...I would have helped you immediately.
4. *Example:* ...communication would be much slower today.
5. *Example:* ...she wouldn't have been late for work.

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